COUNTY REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME), STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PROGRAM (SHIP), AND **EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 ACTION PLAN**

MIAMI-DADE)

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust are announcing the availability of applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. CDBG funds may be used to undertake activities that meet identified needs for low- and moderate-income persons and/or low- and moderate-income areas. HOME funds may be used for eligible activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons and homeless persons. SHIP funds may be used for Homeownership Counseling and Education Services only. The RFA is not soliciting any applications for new homeownership construction. HOME CHDO Set-Aside Funds are available. ESG funds are used for emergency shelter and supportive services for the homeless.

Applications addressing neighborhood needs that have been identified and ranked as high priorities in the approved FY 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan will be given preference for funding consideration. Applicants must demonstrate that they have the necessary experience and capacity to carry out the activities for which funding is sought. Eligible applicants are limited to 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporations, for-profit corporations, community based organizations, not-for-profit housing corporations, or other entities registered with the State of Florida. For-profit applicants may only apply for funds under the HOME Program.

A separate application must be completed and submitted for each activity for which funding is being requested.

The RFA package contains the guidelines and instructions for the preparation of funding requests. Information and technical assistance on the preparation of the application will be provided by DHCD's staff for CDBG, HOME, and SHIP funds, and by the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust for ESG and homeless set-aside funds only on the following Technical assistance workshop dates:

- November 29, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 Northwest 22nd Ave., Miami, FL 33142
- 2) December 1, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 701 NW 1st Court, 1st Floor Training Room, Miami, FL 33136
- 3) December 3, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the South Dade Regional Library Auditorium, 10750 SW 211th Street, Miami, FL 33189

Applicants that have questions about this application or the workshops may contact Sheila Martinez at the Community Development Division at (786) 469-2100. For workshop reservations or questions, please call (786) 469-2100 or the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust for ESG and Homeless Set-Aside Funds at (305) 375-1490.

> Applications may be picked up from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Beginning November 8th, 2010 at:

The Department of Housing and Community Development 701 NW 1st Court, Suite 1400, Miami, FL 33136.

The applications will also be available on HCD's website at: www.miamidade.gov/ced/ for downloading only.

Completed applications may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board, at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 17th Floor, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from November 8th, 2010 through December 9th, 2010.

The applications will also be available on HCD's website at

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On December 10th, 2010, completed applications must be submitted, no later than 12:00 Noon, and will only be received at the Overtown Transit Village Training Room, 1st Floor, 701 NW 1st Court, Miami, Florida 33136

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